Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	BASELINE
OPERATING BUDGET			
Full Time Equivalent Positions	151.4	152.4	152.4 ^{1/}
Personal Services	6,211,600	6,881,100	6,881,100
Employee Related Expenditures	2,326,500	2,681,900	2,681,900
Professional and Outside Services	233,400	224,900	224,900
Travel - In State	2,600	3,600	3,600
Travel - Out of State	12,900	19,200	19,200
Other Operating Expenditures	1,478,500	1,476,100	1,476,100
Equipment	333,300	396,700	396,700
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	10,598,800	11,683,500	11,683,500 ^{2/}
CDECIAL LINE ITEMS			
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS	0	700 000	0
Information Technology Upgrades		700,000	_
Insurance Fraud Unit	1,460,100	1,851,400	1,851,400
Reimbursable Programs	0	50,000	50,000 ³ /
Local Grants	957,700	957,700	957,700 4/
Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force	4,343,500	4,452,600	4,452,600 5/
ATA Operating Budget	24,800	699,400	699,400
AGENCY TOTAL	17,384,900	20,394,600	19,694,600 ^{6/7} /
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	7,380,800	8,213,000	8,213,000
Other Appropriated Funds	5.054.000	6.450.700	6.450.700
Automobile Theft Authority Fund	5,954,000	6,159,700	6,159,700
Financial Services Fund	3,999,800	5,971,600	5,271,600
Revolving Fund	50,300	50,300	50,300
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	10,004,100	12,181,600	11,481,600
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	17,384,900	20,394,600	19,694,600
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	19,353,700	19,612,700	19,612,700
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	36,738,600	40,007,300	39,307,300

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions licenses and authorizes the transaction of insurance business by insurers, producers, and other insurance-related entities. The department also regulates state-chartered financial entities. The regulated entities include money transmitters, motor vehicle dealers, holding companies, trust companies, sales finance companies, collection agencies, escrow agents, debt management companies, consumer lenders, mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers, premium finance companies, credit unions, banks, and real estate appraisal entities. The department also is responsible for analyzing the methods of combating the problem of vehicle theft and promoting successful methods of reducing the number of vehicle thefts in Arizona.

FOOTNOTES

- 1/ Includes 9 GF and 6 OF FTE Positions from Special Line Items in FY 2024.
- 2/ Includes \$135,200 in expenditures for Mental Health Omnibus from non-lapsing appropriation authorized by Laws 2020, Chapter 4. The department reports spending \$157,300 for this purpose in each of FY 2023 and FY 2024.
- 3/ The department of insurance and financial institutions shall submit a report to the joint legislative budget committee before spending any monies for the reimbursable programs line item. The department shall show sufficient monies collected to cover the expenses indicated in the report. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 4/ Local grants shall be awarded with consideration given to areas with greater automobile theft problems and shall be used to combat economic automobile theft operations. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

- 5/ Monies in the Arizona vehicle theft task force line item shall be used by the department of insurance and financial institutions to pay seventy-five percent of the personal services and employee related expenditures for city, town and county sworn officers who participate in the Arizona vehicle theft task force. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 6/ General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.
- Of the department fees required to be deposited in the state general fund by statute, the legislature intends that the department of insurance and financial institutions shall assess and set the fees at a level to ensure that the monies deposited in the state general fund will equal or exceed the department's expenditure from the state general fund. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$11,683,500 and 137.4 FTE Positions in FY 2024 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	<u>F1 2024</u>
General Fund	\$6,361,600
Financial Services Fund	5,271,600
Department Revolving Fund	50,300

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2023.

Information Technology Upgrades

The Baseline includes no funding in FY 2024 for the Information Technology Upgrades line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time IT Upgrade Funding

The Baseline includes a decrease of \$(700,000) from the Financial Services Fund in FY 2024 for removal of funding for upgrades to the department's Financial Institutions and Enterprises licensing IT system.

Insurance Fraud Unit

The Baseline includes \$1,851,400 and 9 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2024 for the Insurance Fraud Unit. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2023.

These monies were previously included in the Department of Insurance operating budget. The department levies a \$1,050 assessment on all licensed insurers to prosecute insurance fraud in the state. Laws 2020, Chapter 37 requires that all monies appropriated for fraud prevention be included as a line item and that all monies shall be used exclusively for insurance fraud prevention.

Reimbursable Programs

The Baseline includes \$50,000 from the ATA Fund in FY 2024 for Reimbursable Programs. This amount is unchanged from FY 2023.

This line item funds programs such as training seminars, Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force expenses and "bait car" projects. This line item is funded from donations and grants from the private sector. Since the inception of this program, only \$25,000 for the reimbursement of salary and operational costs of the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force has been expended from this line item.

Local Grants

The Baseline includes \$957,700 from the ATA Fund in FY 2024 for Local Grants. This amount is unchanged from FY 2023.

This line item provides funding for the 4 categories of local grants that the DIFI administers: 1) Vertical Prosecution; 2) Law Enforcement; 3) Professional Training; and 4) Public Awareness grants. DIFI issues Vertical Prosecution Grants to county attorneys that are solely dedicated to auto-theft cases, Law Enforcement Grants to local law enforcement agencies for equipment and supplies, Professional Training Grants to pay travel and registration costs associated with going to conferences, and Public Awareness Grants for public education and vehicle identification number etching.

Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force

The Baseline includes \$4,452,600 from the ATA Fund in FY 2024 for the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force. This amount is unchanged from FY 2023.

Monies in this line item are transferred to the Department of Public Safety which oversees the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force. The Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force is a multi-agency group that works specifically on combating auto-theft related crimes.

ATA Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$699,400 and 6 FTE Positions from the ATA Fund in FY 2024 for the Automobile Theft Authority Operating Budget. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2023.

Monies in this line item cover the operating expenditures of the Automobile Theft Authority, which works to combat auto theft-related crime.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2022	FY 2023
SUMMARY OF FUNDS	Actual	Estimate

Arizona Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Fund (IDA2114/A.R.S. § 20-662)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Assessments on property and casualty insurance, reimbursements from the sale of insolvent companies' assets by the department's Receivership Division, and investment income on the fund balance.

Purpose of Fund: To provide funds for the covered policy claims of insolvent insurance companies for property and casualty insurance policies. The fund also pays the administrative costs of the 11-member Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Fund Board authorized by A.R.S. § 20-663. Monies are held in a depository designated by the Director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions. Within the fund there are 3 separate accounts: automobile insurance account, workers' compensation insurance account and an other account, which includes all other types of property and casualty insurance other than automobile and workers' compensation.

 Funds Expended
 10,143,500
 10,143,500

 Year-End Fund Balance
 210,515,000
 210,515,000

Assessment Fund for Voluntary Plans Fund (IDA2316/A.R.S. § 20-2201)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Assessments paid by insurance companies or reinsuring carriers authorized to sell liability insurance.

Purpose of Fund: To provide for the administrative costs associated with finding liability insurance for classes of risk that are unable to obtain liability coverage. Monies are also used to administer the Small Employers Reinsurance Plan Board. The board ensures the accessibility of small group health insurance by requiring a reinsurance program to spread the risk of insuring small groups.

 Funds Expended
 0
 0

 Year-End Fund Balance
 94,200
 94,200

Automobile Theft Authority Fund (ATA2060/A.R.S. § 41-3451)

Appropriated

Source of Revenue: A semi-annual fee of \$0.50 per vehicle insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy for vehicles with a gross weight under 26,000 pounds. In addition, 50% of civil penalties assessed against a scrap metal dealer who does not submit vehicle title information to the ADOT records system within 48 hours after the completion of a transaction.

Purpose of Fund: To allocate monies to public agencies for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and supporting programs that are designed to prevent motor vehicle theft, and to cover the costs of administration not to exceed 10% of the fund.

 Funds Expended
 5,954,000
 6,159,700

 Year-End Fund Balance
 8,829,300
 9,876,700

Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (IDA2377/A.R.S. § 20-1098.18)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: License and renewal fees collected from individual captive insurers and corporations applying to do business as a captive insurer. A captive insurer is an enterprise with the authority to function as an independent insurance company, but is organized by a parent company with the express intent to provide the parent company's insurance.

Purpose of Fund: To provide funding for the promotion of the state's captive insurance industry and related administrative costs. Up to \$100,000 may be used annually to cover the department's administrative costs.

 Funds Expended
 575,800
 640,400

 Year-End Fund Balance
 470,700
 687,300

Federal Funds (IDA2000/A.R.S. § 35-142)

Federal Funds

Source of Revenue: Monies from federal grants.

Purpose of Fund: To provide State Appraiser Regulatory Agencies with funds to advance the appraiser regulatory field, including, but not limited to, developing and attending trainings, improving appraiser credentialing and investigation and complaint processes, and expanding credentialing opportunities in under-served markets and other activities.

 Funds Expended
 0
 0

 Year-End Fund Balance
 118,800
 146,600

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Financial Services Fund (BDA1998/A.R.S. § 6-991.21)

Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Loan originator licensing and renewal fees. Similar fees are also deposited in the Mortgage Recovery Fund.

Purpose of Fund: To supervise and regulate loan originators and to be used for the general operating expenses of the department.

 Funds Expended
 3,999,800
 5,971,600

 Year-End Fund Balance
 22,766,500
 27,454,100

Financial Surveillance Fund (IDA2473/A.R.S. § 20-156)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Assessments paid by domestic insurers, other than life and disability re-insurers, service companies, and mechanical reimbursement re-insurers.

Purpose of Fund: To provide funds for the costs of financial analysts who conduct financial surveillance of domestic insurers in order to identify possible risks to financial stability.

 Funds Expended
 206,300
 570,500

 Year-End Fund Balance
 438,400
 400,000

Health Care Appeals Fund (IDA2467/A.R.S. § 20-2540)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: One-time fee of \$200 and an annual fee of up to \$200 per health care insurance company.

Purpose of Fund: To pay for start-up and ongoing costs related to selecting an independent review organization. The selected organization will conduct external independent reviews that involve issues of medical necessity.

 Funds Expended
 181,500
 195,900

 Year-End Fund Balance
 151,900
 214,000

IGA and ISA Fund (IDA2500/A.R.S. § 35-142)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Grants and intergovernmental agreements between state agencies and local governments.

Purpose of Fund: To pay for promotional materials in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force relating to vehicle theft prevention.

 Funds Expended
 0
 0

 Year-End Fund Balance
 700
 700

Insurance Department Fingerprinting Fund (IDA2163/A.R.S. § 35-148)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Fees charged for fingerprint collection and identification processes.

Purpose of Fund: To pay for fingerprint identification services and database management.

 Funds Expended
 0
 0

 Year-End Fund Balance
 94,200
 102,800

Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund (IDA2034/A.R.S. § 20-159)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Payments made by insurance companies for costs of financial, rate, and market conduct examinations performed by contract examiners.

Purpose of Fund: To provide funds for contract examiners' per diem compensation and funds to reimburse contract examiners for travel and living expenses, as approved by the Director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions. Monies are also used to cover the department's related administrative costs.

 Funds Expended
 2,634,500
 2,277,600

 Year-End Fund Balance
 1,208,300
 752,200

Insurance Premium Tax Clearing Fund (IDA3727/A.R.S. § 20-224)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Insurance Premium Tax revenue collected from insurance companies, AHCCCS contractors, surplus lines brokers and industrial insured.

Purpose of Fund: Used as a repository for insurance premium tax revenues that become ultimately transferred to the Department of Public Safety Personnel Retirement System per A.R.S. § 20-224.01 and to a municipality or fire district per A.R.S. §§ 20-224(B)(J) and 9-951.

 Funds Expended
 0
 0

 Year-End Fund Balance
 24,459,500
 24,459,500

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Life and Disability Insurance Guaranty Fund (IDA2154/A.R.S. § 20-683)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Assessments on life and disability insurance companies and reimbursements from the sale of insolvent companies' assets by the department's Receivership Division.

Purpose of Fund: To provide funds for the covered policy claims of insolvent insurance companies for life and disability insurance policies and annuity contracts. The fund also pays the administrative costs of the 9-member Life and Disability Insurance Guaranty Fund Board authorized by A.R.S. § 20-684. Monies are held in a depository designated by the Director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions.

 Funds Expended
 5,353,700
 5,353,700

 Year-End Fund Balance
 20,508,000
 20,508,000

Mortgage Recovery Fund (BDA1997/A.R.S. § 6-991.09)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Licensing and renewal fees paid by licensed loan originators. Similar fees also are deposited in the Financial Services Fund.

Purpose of Fund: To benefit any person aggrieved by any act, representation, transaction or conduct of a licensed loan originator that violates statute or rule.

 Funds Expended
 11,800
 12,700

 Year-End Fund Balance
 3,358,600
 3,784,200

Receivership Liquidation Fund (IDA3104/A.R.S. § 20-648)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Consists of 10% of an insolvent insurer's statutory deposit with the State Treasurer authorized by A.R.S. § 20-213. Upon termination of a receivership, the court may award proceeds to the fund, up to the amount of the department's administrative costs.

Purpose of Fund: To support the department's Receivership Division, which administers the liquidation of insurance companies to ensure maximum recovery of assets. The balance forward represents cash on hand. It does not include the state's unfunded liability for deposits being held as assurance against future insolvencies.

 Funds Expended
 118,000
 137,000

 Year-End Fund Balance
 449,700
 475,400

Receivership Revolving Fund (BDA3023/A.R.S. § 6-135.01)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Revenue generated from the sale of assets of firms under receivership and transfers from the department's Revolving Fund.

Purpose of Fund: Provide funding for the administration of receiverships.

 Funds Expended
 1,200
 1,200

 Year-End Fund Balance
 882,900
 881,700

Revolving Fund (BDA2126/A.R.S. § 6-135)

Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Investigative costs, attorney fees, or civil penalties recovered as the result of an enforcement action brought by the department or the Attorney General for violations of state banking laws.

Purpose of Fund: To support investigative and enforcement activities conducted by the department and the Attorney General. Year-end unencumbered fund balances in excess of \$200,000 are transferred to the department's Receivership Revolving Fund. Any excess balances are transferred at the beginning of the next fiscal year. The Appropriated portion of the fund is used for an interagency service agreement with the Attorney General's office to help oversee real estate appraisers. (Please see the Non-Appropriated portion of the fund for additional information.)

 Funds Expended
 50,300
 50,300

 Year-End Fund Balance
 273,000
 170,300

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Revolving Fund (BDA2126/A.R.S. § 6-135)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Investigative costs, attorney fees, or civil penalties recovered as the result of an enforcement action brought by the department or the Attorney General for violations of state banking laws.

Purpose of Fund: To support investigative and enforcement activities conducted by the department and the Attorney General. Year-end unencumbered fund balances in excess of \$200,000 are transferred to the department's Receivership Revolving Fund. Any excess balances are transferred at the beginning of the next fiscal year. (Please see the Appropriated portion of the fund for additional information.)

 Funds Expended
 127,400
 280,200

 Year-End Fund Balance
 273,000
 170,300

Settlement Fund (ATA1991/A.R.S. § 35-142)

Non-Appropriated

Source of Revenue: Revenues from settlements issued by the courts.

Purpose of Fund: To provide grants to law enforcement agencies for metal management training.

 Funds Expended
 0
 0

 Year-End Fund Balance
 1,400
 1,400